

# Severe Weather Risk

## Saturday, April 25, 2015

Threat Assessment for south-central Indiana and  
central Kentucky

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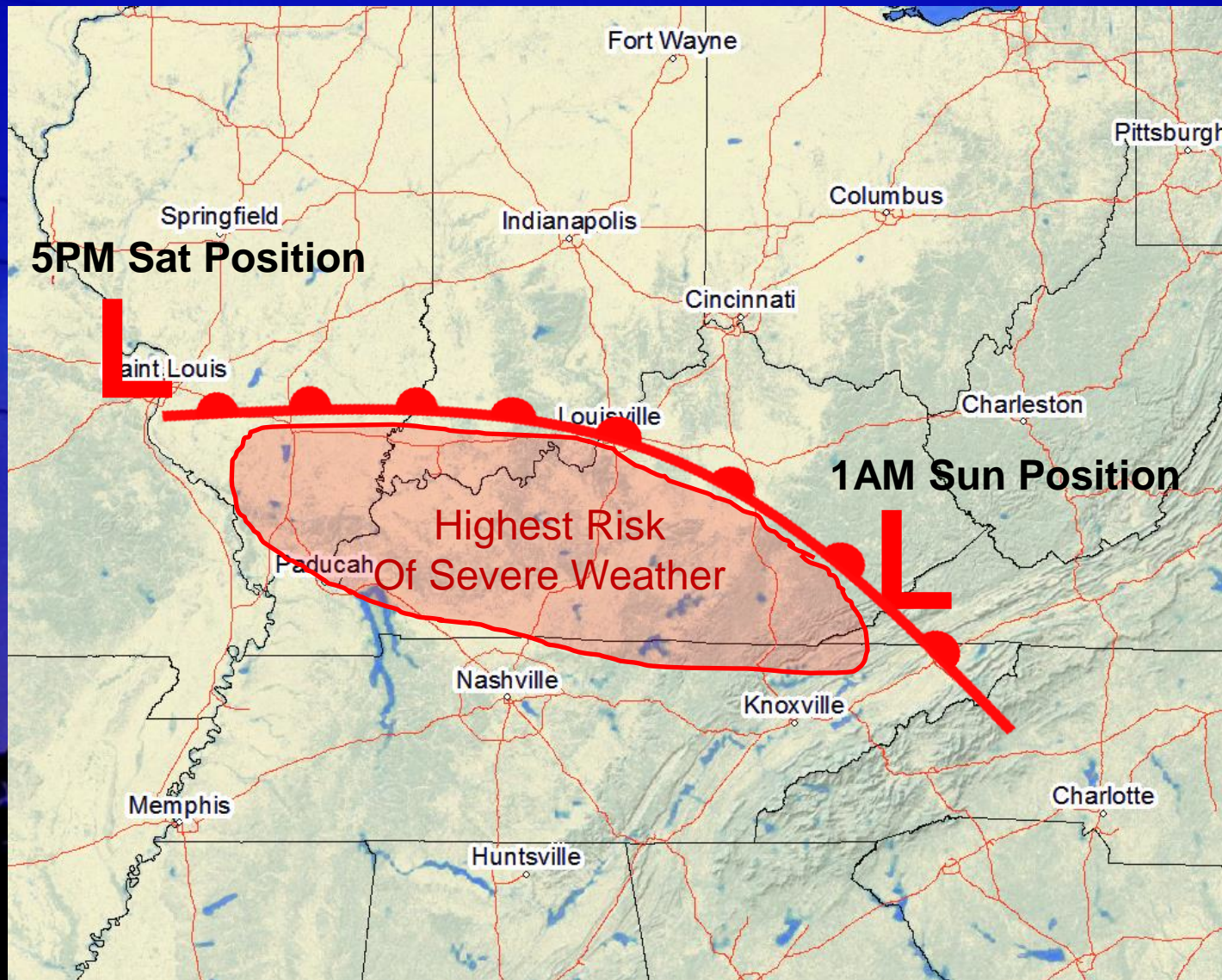
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# Threat Overview

- A surface warm front will move northward into the region late tonight and Saturday morning.
- The warm front is expected to stall out near the I-64 corridor in Kentucky by early Saturday afternoon.
- Partial clearing is expected early Saturday afternoon which will result in the atmosphere becoming increasingly unstable.
- A developing area of low pressure will move in from the west during the afternoon, forcing another round of thunderstorms.
- The Saturday afternoon thunderstorms are expected to be severe with flooding rains, very large hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes.



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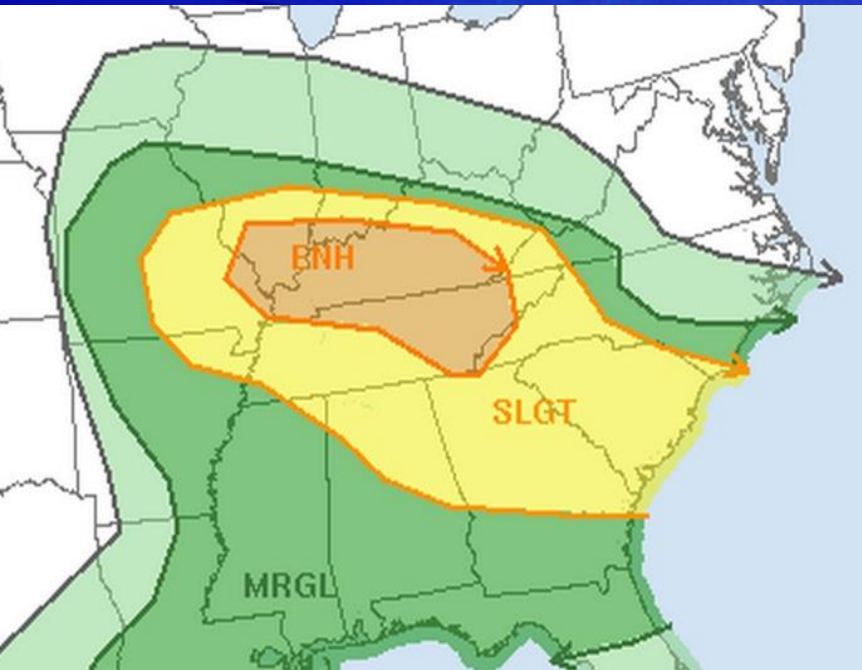








# SPC Outlook

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## Categorical Outlook For Saturday



## Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

THUNDERSTORMS (no label)	1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)	2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)	3 - ENHANCED (ENH)	4 - MODERATE (MDT)	5 - HIGH (HIGH)
No severe* thunderstorms expected	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible	Widespread severe storms likely	Widespread severe storms expected
Lightning/flooding threats exist with <u>all</u> thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense
					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winds to 40 mph</li> <li>Small hail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winds 40-60 mph</li> <li>Hail up to 1"</li> <li>Low tornado risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or two tornadoes</li> <li>Reports of strong winds/wind damage</li> <li>Hail ~1", isolated 2"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A few tornadoes</li> <li>Several reports of wind damage</li> <li>Damaging hail, 1 - 2"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong tornadoes</li> <li>Widespread wind damage</li> <li>Destructive hail, 2" +</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tornado outbreak</li> <li>Derecho</li> </ul>

\* NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.



# Severe Weather Threat Area and Timing

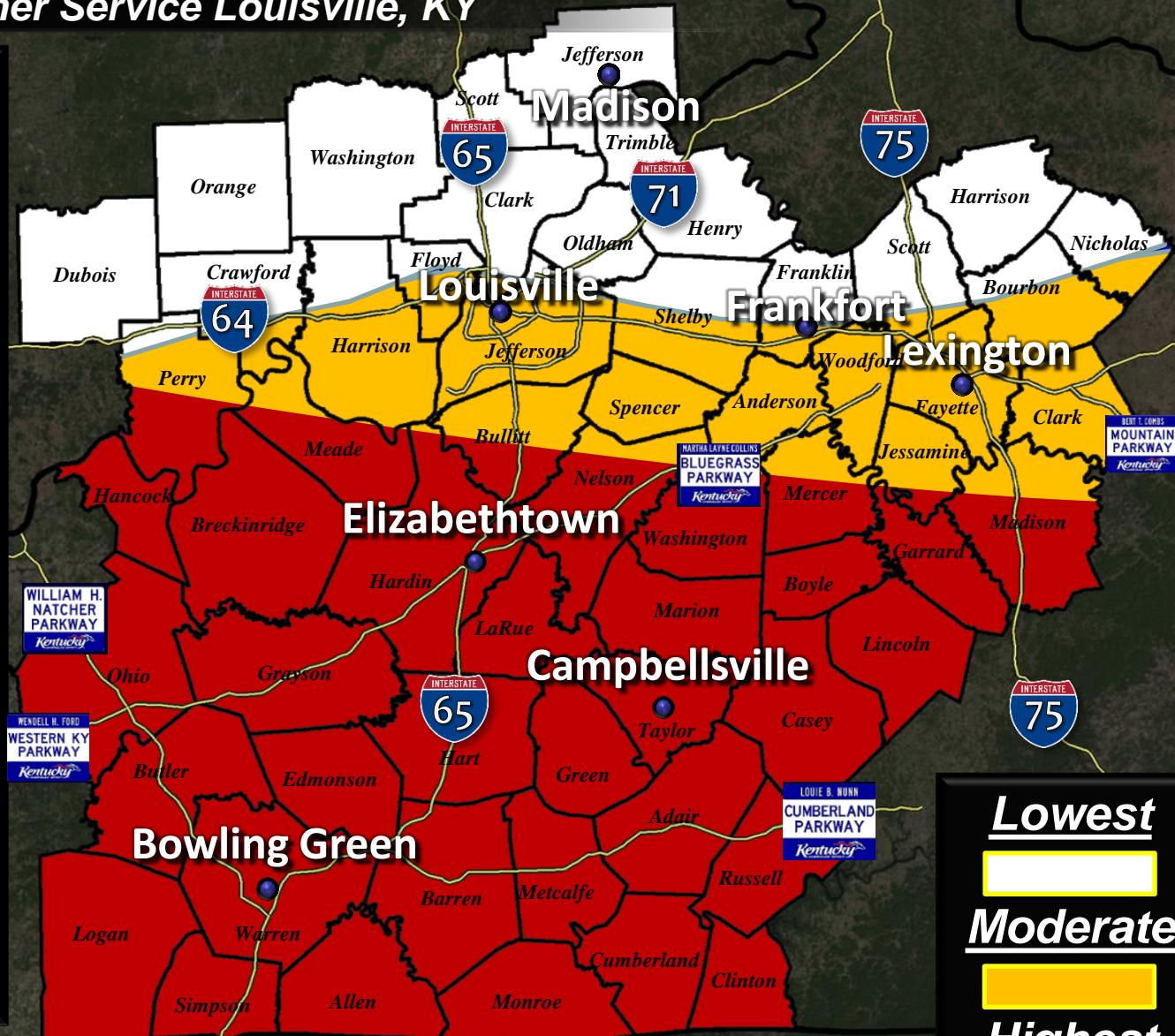
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## Timing

Severe weather  
expected between  
1PM and 9 PM EDT  
Saturday

## Uncertainty

Still some uncertainty  
how far north warm  
front will move.



Lowest

Moderate

Highest

# Expected Impacts

- All modes of severe weather are expected Saturday afternoon and evening.
- **Tornadoes:** Tornadoes will be possible along and south of the warm front. Highest risk area for tornadoes are in areas south of I-64 in southern Indiana and central Kentucky.
- **Wind:** Damaging winds in excess of 65 MPH will be possible with thunderstorms Saturday afternoon and evening.
- **Hail:** Very large hail (*larger than golfballs*) will be possible with thunderstorms Saturday afternoon and evening.
- **Flooding:** Heavy rainfall with the thunderstorms combined with thunderstorms training over the same areas will result in some flash flooding potential.